

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer based method for retrieving information for use by a requestor application, comprising the steps of:

sending, by the requestor application, an information request to a master pivot program, the information request including document information related to a requested ~~information~~ financing document;

retrieving the document information from the information request;

retrieving document retrieval information from a configuration database as a function of the document information, the document retrieval information including a destination system;

sending the document retrieval information and the information request to a destination pivot program coupled to the destination system;

retrieving the requested ~~information~~ financing document from the destination system by the destination pivot program; and,

sending the requested ~~information~~ financing document to the requestor application.

2. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the information request is an extensible markup language document.

3. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the step of sending the information request to the master pivot program includes the step of calling an application program interface (API).

4. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 3, further including the step of creating, by the API, a structure of routing information.

5. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 4, wherein the step of sending the information request to the master pivot program includes the step of sending the information request to the master pivot program through a socket.

6. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, including the step receiving the document retrieval information and the information request by a master control interface (MCI) coupled to the destination pivot program, the master control interface being adapted to process the information request.

7. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 6, wherein the MCI includes a wrapper computer program application adapted to pass the information request from the MCI to the destination system.

8. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the configuration database is a relational database.

9. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the configuration database includes routing rules for a plurality of requestor applications and destination applications.

10. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, including the step of providing a configuration tool for maintaining the configuration database.

11-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A computer based system for retrieving information for use by a requestor application, comprising:

a requestor application for generating an information request, the information request including document information related to a first requested information document that is part of a group of requested documents;

a configuration database containing document retrieval information;

and[[,]]

a master pivot program, coupled to the requestor application and the configuration database, for receiving the information request, retrieving the document information from the information request, ~~and~~ retrieving document retrieval information for the first requested information document from the configuration database as a

function of the document information, and for retrieving the first requested information document from a destination system using the document retrieval information.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the master pivot program is adapted to deliver the first requested information document to the requestor application.

27. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the document retrieval information includes a destination and a master control interface command.

28. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 27, including a master control interface adapted to execute the master control interface command.

29. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the information request is in extensible markup language format.

30. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, including an application program interface (API), wherein the requestor application is adapted to call the API to send the information request to the master control interface.

31. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 30, including a structure of routine information created by the API.

32. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 31, including a socket coupled between the master pivot program and the requestor application.

33. (Currently Amended) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, including a master control interface (MCI) coupled to the destination pivot program, the MCI being adapted to receive the document retrieval information and the information request ~~by~~ and to process the information request.

34. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 33, wherein the MCI includes a wrapper computer program application adapted to pass the information request from the destination pivot program to the MCI.

35. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the configuration database is a relational database.

36. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the configuration database includes routing rules for a plurality of requestor applications and destination applications.

37. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, including a configuration tool for maintaining the configuration database.

38-51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for retrieving information for use by a requestor application, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code means for sending, by the requestor application, an information request to a master pivot program, the information request including document information related to a requested information document that is part of a group of requested information documents;

computer readable program code means for retrieving the document information from the information request;

computer readable program code means for retrieving document retrieval information from a configuration database as a function of the document information;

computer readable program code means for retrieving the requested information document from a destination using the document retrieval information; and[[.]]

computer readable program code means for sending the requested information document to the requestor application.

53. (New) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the financing document is one of a contract document, a lease document, a purchase document, a sales document, and a payment document.

54. (New) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the information request includes additional document information related to a second requested information document that is part of the group of requested documents, and the master pivot program is further configured to receive the information request, retrieve the additional document information from the information request, retrieve additional document retrieval information for the second requested information document from the configuration database as a function of the additional document information, and retrieve the second requested information document from a destination system using the additional document retrieval information.